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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: P.A. Graef et al. Attorney Docket No. WEYE116969
Application No.: 09/815,933 Group Art Unit: 1771
Filed: March 23, 2001 Examiner: J.A. Boyd
Title: ABSORBENT COMPOSITE HAVING IMPROVED SURFACE DRYNESS

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE
AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 27, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee	
Total Claims	79	Minus	107	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	7	Minus	7	=	0	x	86	=	0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment									\$0.00

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any

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overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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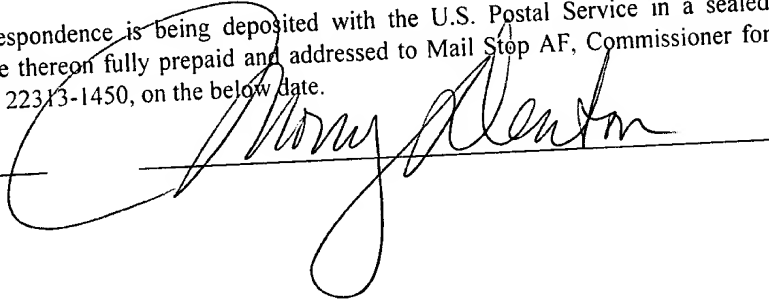


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AMENDMENT C

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March 10, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2004 making final the rejection of claims, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

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